

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY TRAVELLING POST OFFICES
CANCELLATION CHECK LIST

This document is based on the information contained within the publication *Mails by rail in New Zealand* by Albert B Johnstone and Robin M Startup. Indeed, the classification of the marks has also been retained.

Each mark is illustrated, mostly from the original text, and the period of use is given below. A date in black is the one that appears in *Mails by rail in New Zealand*. A date in red is a revised date (either earlier or later) and is one that has been clearly observed from either supplied material or auction catalogues.

The purpose of this document is to try and build the data/knowledge with regards to the periods of use of each of the marks. This information has apparently been twice lost in fires at records offices and so this is another attempt to rebuild. If you have any material which extends the given dates please provide details and scans to the contact/editor of the web site who will forward as appropriate.

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7 June 2018
Revised April 2025

Revision Dec. 2020 has updates for the following marks:

WG2 new late date **21/3/07 – does not appear to show a direction code**
DS6 new early date **11/11/03**

Rev July 2021 has updates for the following marks:

WG2 new late date **18/07/07 – faint direction code '1'**
DN9 new early date **26/05/30 – faint direction code '1'**

Rev Dec 2023 has updates for the following marks

NA1 new early date **25/4/91** (seen in published illustration)
DN2 new early date **19/11/79**
DS2 new early date **22/09/80**

Rev April 2025 has an update for the following mark:

DS2 new early date **27/02/79**

SOUTH ISLAND RTPO MARKS

Section 1: Canterbury South



C1

-/10/1878 to 24/2/86



C2

19/8/79 to 10/6/86



C3

18/9/86 to 14/11/92



C4

7/12/92 to 22/7/96



C5

8/8/96 to 17/9/00



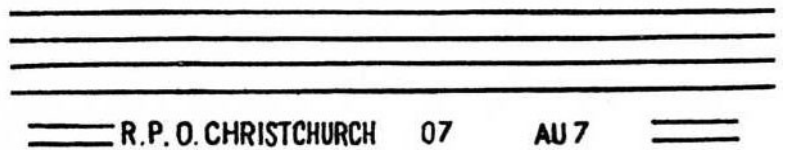
C6

8/9/00 to 12/12/04



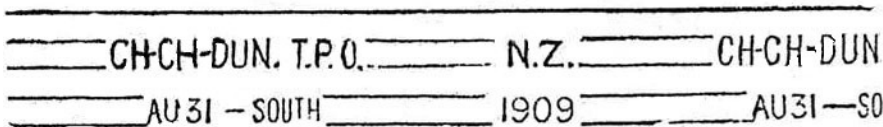
C7

28/11/03 to 6/12/11



C8

2/8/07 to 8/10/08



C9

11/10/08 to -/11/09



C10

22/2/12 to -/5/16



C13

-/8/18 to -/12/27



C14

-/9/20 to -/10/25



C15

-/8/26 to 23/3/39



C16

21/8/39 to -/6/42



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nb. C11 and C12 are the Canterbury North cancellers used as relief cancellers for short periods in January 1914 and May-September 1916

Section 2: Dunedin North



DN1
-/10/78 to 1882



DN2
19/11/79 to 20/12/82



DN3
24/8/83 to 28/3/90



DN4
7/7/90 to 11/2/97



DN5
9/6/97 to 28/9/03
Stop after 1 from 19/9/00



DN6
7/5/02 to 30/10/03



DN7
10/11/03 to -/9/08



DN8
5/10/14 to 20/12/29



DN9
26/05/30 to 28/12/41

Section 3: Dunedin South



DS1
1879 to 1881



DS2
27/02/79 to 21/8/83



DS3
16/2/84 to 16/6/90



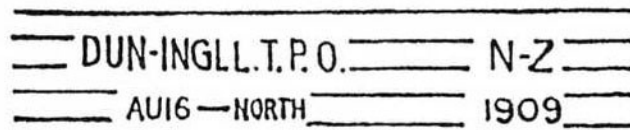
DS4
28/6/90 to 6/10/96



DS5
15/10/96 to 31/10/03
Stop after 1 from 13/1/02



DS6
11/11/03 to 19/6/12



DS7
-/10/08 to -/10/09



DS8
-/9/12 to 1/2/29



DS9
7/4/30 to 9/4/30



DS10
26/5/30 to 8/2/31

Section 4: Invercargill



IN1
1879 to 1885



IN2
4/8/79 to 22/5/88



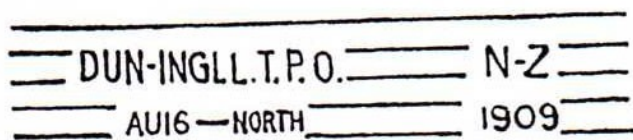
IN3
8/7/89 to 7/1/99



IN4
11/2/99 to 22/11/02



IN5
31/10/03 to 06/3/09



IN6
1909



IN7
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Section 5: Canterbury North



CN1
28/05/00 to 4/8/09



CN2
-/9/09

Section 6: North Otago Loose Letter



NO 1
14/10/11 to 6/2/17



NO 2
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NORTH ISLAND RTPO MARKS

Section 1: New Plymouth-Wanganui-New Plymouth



NU1
8/7/87 to 8/8/02



NU2
6/10/02 to 22/9/08



NU3
-/10/08 to 22/11/28



NU4
6/12/28 to -/12/31

Section 2: Wellington-Manawatu-Wellington



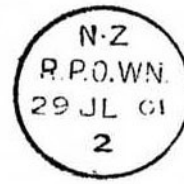
W1
3/12/86 to 11/4/92



W2
-/8/92 to 11/8/96



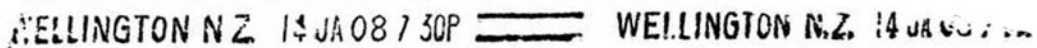
W3
-/9/96 to 25/2/01



W4
2/4/01 to 16/4/03



W5
4/5/03 to 13/11/07



W6
12/3/07 to -/10/09



W7
14/2/08 to 18/3/11



W8
17/10/11 to 8/9/22



W9
31/1/23 to 27/12/31

Section 3: Wanganui-Manawatu-Wanganui



WG1
26/3/89 to 6/7/02



WG2
-/12/02 to 18/7/07

Section 4: The Napier Mail

(a) Napier



NA1
25/4/91 to 17/5/98



NA2
22/7/98 to 31/1/03



NA3
11/1/03 to 22/9/14



NA4
21/10/14 to 7/11/26



NA5
3/12/26 to 3/8/31

(b) Palmerston North



PN1
22/1/92 to 1/12/97

(c) Wellington



WN1
31/12/97 to 30/10/03



WN2
31/8/03 to 12/5/09

Section 5: Thames Mails

(a) Auckland-Waikato-Auckland



AK1

22/5/02 to 5/4/09



AK3

1/6/09 to 27/7/31

(b) Hamilton-Mercer-Hamilton



HN1

21/7/02 to 11/5/03

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AK/TH1

8/12/08 to 14/07/09

(c) Auckland-Thames



TH1

7/7/03 to 27/03/09



TH2

15/10/09 to -/11/28



TH3

8/12/30 to -/9/31

Section 6: Main Trunk

(a) Auckland



MTA1
5/4/09 to 24/10/27



MTA2
-/4/09 to 25/9/27



MTA3
13/2/14 to 31/10/18



MTA4
02/12/18



MTA5
12/6/26 to 22/4/28



MTA6
-/11/28 to 19/7/68



MTA7
6/12/28 to 14/9/66



MTA8
7/6/67 to 4/9/71



MTA9
26/3/69 to 5/9/71



MTA10
One Day Only



MTA11
One Day Only

(b) Wellington



MTW1
-/2/09 to -/8/11



MTW2
-/2/09 to 22/12/11



MTW3
-/2/09 to -/2/10



MTW4
-/-/12 to -/6/46



MTW5
4/10/13 to 20/9/57



MTW6
7/1/58 to 5/9/71



MTW7
One Day Only



MTW8
One Day Only